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Applicants: Harold HALL

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For : A MAGNETIC FILTRATION DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANY RCE FILING**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with an RCE filing. This RCE filing follows upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal (on November 22, 2005) but precedes the filing of an Appeal Brief. This RCE and Preliminary Amendment are also responsive to the Final Office Action of May 24, 2005. A one month extension of time is included herewith to bring the pendency period up to March 22, 2006.

This Preliminary Amendment includes amendments to all independent claims 12, 27, 30, 32, and 33. Newly added independent claims 46, 47, and 48 represent objected to/allowable subject matter claims 19, 20 and 21 (as presented in last Amendment) rewritten into independent form.

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